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SUBJECT: JAPANESE TANNER CRAB FISHERY IN EASTERN BERING
SEA

1. IN CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF DECEMBER 13, 1974, JAPAN
STATED THAT BY REGULATION ONLY TWO MOTHERSHIP FLEETS CAN
OPERATE IN ITS TANNER CRAB FISHERY IN EASTERN BERING SEA
IN AREA EAST OF 175 DEGREES WEST, AND THAT IN AREA
WEST OF THAT MERIDIAN OPERATIONS WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO
INDEPENDENT VESSELS. JAPAN FURTHER AGREED THAT THE TWO
MOTHERSHIPS OPERATING IN NORTHERN AREA EAST OF 175 DEGREES
WEST WOULD BE GRANTED QUOTA OF 5,600 TONS, LEAVING BALANCE
OF 2,100 TONS (UP TO 7,700 ALLOWED IN PARAGRAPH 3.(1)B.(B)
OF AGREEMENT) TO BE SET ASIDE FOR INDEPENDENT VESSELS, ALSO
OPERATING IN NORTHERN AREA BUT WEST OF 175 DEGREES WEST.

2. U.S. OBSERVER PRESENTLY ON BOARD JAPANESE MOTHERSHIP
REPORTS HE HEARD JAPANESE COMPANIES PLAN TO USE A THIRD
MOTHERSHIP IN AREA WEST OF 175 DEGREES WEST TO CATCH
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U.S.-ALLOTTED 2,100-TON QUOTA. FURTHER, OBSERVER UNDER-

STANDS THAT INDEPENDENT VESSELS PLAN TO TAKE AN ADDITIONAL
2,100-TONS QUOTE OFF KAMCHATHA UNQUOTE.

3. SHOULD INFORMATION REPORTED BY U.S. OBSERVER BE
CORRECT, IN U.S. VIEW THIS REPRESENTS A CLEAR VIOLATION
OF OUR AGREED ARRANGEMENTS WITH JAPAN SINCE USE OF
MOTHERSHIP IN AREA WEST OF 175 DEGREES WEST IS PROHIBI-
TED AND ALSO JAPAN MAY BE TAKING QUOTA LARGER THAN THAT
AGREED UPON. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OBSERVER, BECAUSE OF
LANGUAGE PROBLEM, MAY HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD CONVERSATION.

4. POST IS REQUESTED TO MAKE LOW KEY INFORMAL APPROACH
TO GOJ AND REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED
BY OBSERVER. PLEASE CONVEY TO GOJ THAT WE ARE ONLY
ATTEMPTING TO SEE IF SOURCE IS CORRECT. IT IS NOT OUR
INTENTION TO WAVE A RED FLAG WHENEVER THERE IS A
QUOTE ALLEGATION OF WRONG DOING UNQUOTE BUT WE FEEL IT
WOULD BE IN BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO EXCHANGE
VIEWS ON A TIMELY BASIS TO CLARIFY THEM SO AS TO
AVOID UNNECESSARY AGGRAVATIONS. INGERSOLL

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